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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT DELEGATION FROM PRATO AND POGGIO A
CAIANO TO CHARLOTTESVILLE AND ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA

REF: STATE 186395

TO: MR. GERALD . FISHER, PRESIDENT
ALBEMARLE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY COURT HOUSE
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA. 22901

DURING MEETING WITH MAYOR SERGIO PEZZATI OF POGGIO A CAIANO, MAYOR
GOFFREDO LOHENGRIN LANDINI OF PRATO AND OTHER OFFICIALS REPRESENTING
THESE TWO CITIES, THEY PROPOSED THAT DELEGATION FROM BOTH CITIES
HEADED BY THE TWO MAYORS ARRIVE CHARLOTTESVILLE LATE EVENING
OCTOBER 19 AND DEPART MORNING OCTOBER 23. DELEGATION WILL CONSIST
OF APPROXIMATELY 40 INDIVIDUALS INCLUDING WIVES. MANY MEMBERS OF
DELEGATION WILL BE THE SAME INDIVIDUALS WHO VISITED CHARLOTTESVILLE
IN OCTOBER 1976 AND WHO WERE PRINCIPAL HOSTS FOR CHARLOTTESVILLE
DELEGATION WHEN IT VISITED POGGIO A CAIANO, PRATO AND FLORENCE IN
MAY 1977.

DELEGATION NOW PROPOSED THAT THE DESIRE OF THESE TWO CITIES TO
FURNISH STAINED GLASS WINDOW FOR RECONSTRUCTED BAPTIST CHURCH
BE ACCOMPLISHED AS FOLLOWS: HIGHLY REGARDED LOCAL ARTIST WILL
MAKE SKETCHES OF WINDOW AND DELEGATION WILL BRING THESE SKETCHES
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TO CHARLOTTESVILLE FROM WHICH APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES CAN MAKE

A SELECTION. ONCE DESIGN AND EXACT SIZE OF WINDOW AGREED TO
(HOPEFULLY DURING VISIT TO CHARLOTTESVILLE) WINDOW WILL BE
FABRICATED HERE AND THEN SHIPPED TO CHARLOTTESVILLE FOR
INSTALLATION. AT PRESENT DELEGATION HAS IN MIND WINDOW
APPROXIMATELY 36 INCHES HIGH AND 18 INCHES WIDE, BUT THIS COULD

BE CHANGED TO CIRCULAR OR OTHER SHAPE IF SO DESIRED.

DELEGATION INTENDS TO PAY ALL ITS OWN EXPENSES, BUT ASSUME
VARIOUS TYPES OF HOSPITALITY WOULD BE PROVIDED BY
CHARLOTTESVILLE.

PLEASE CONTACT MAYOR LAURENCE BRUSTON AND LET ME KNOW IF
PROPOSED VISIT IS ACCEPTABLE. MY WIFE AND I EXPECT TO BE IN
WASHINGTON AT TIME OF PROPOSED VISIT AND WE HOPE TO MEET ALL
OF YOU IN CHARLOTTESVILLE IF POSSIBLE.

OFFICIAL LETTER WILL FOLLOW IF DATES AGREEABLE.

ROBERT GORDON
AMERICAN CONSULATE
FLORENCE, ITALY
GORDON

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